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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller Designee  
SUBJECT : The Information Science Center

1. This memorandum is in response to your query about the Defense Intelligence School's Information Science Center. The Information Science Center (ISC) was established in December 1967 by the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency in response to a request from the Director of Central Intelligence. This request was based on a recommendation by the PTIAB that the DCI stimulate information science training in the intelligence community. In 1968 the USIB established the Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC) to ensure "the continuous improvement and integration of the intelligence information handling systems of the USIB member agencies...." Within this tasking, the IHC's Directive called for the initiation of new training programs in information science. Early in 1969 the IHC endorsed the development of three pilot courses at the Information Science Center:

Information Science in Support of Intelligence Functions

Survey of Intelligence Information Systems

Information Science in Support of Estimates and Warning

2. The first running of Information Science in Support of Intelligence Functions was held 2 February - 27 March 1970. CIA's quota was six and five employees were enrolled. Offices represented: [ ] [ ] CRS, OSP, NIPE. The course fell short in many respects and student critiques were highly critical. The ISC, in conjunction with other USIB members, then overhauled the course. CIA detailed two officers to the Center, [ ] O/PPB.

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Additionally, [ ] PPB, supported the ISC through his input on the [ ] technique. The next running of the Information Science Course was conducted 5 October - 18 December 1970. The Agency's quota was again six, and enrollment was strongly supported by the Executive Director-Comptroller in a memorandum to the Deputy Directors. Five CIA employees attended, from OSR, OCI, MPS, OC, and OSP. Critiques were uniformly favorable, from both CIA students and other USIB students. Since then, there have been two runnings (15 March - 4 June 1971, 3 CIA students, and 17 September - 26 November 1971, 2 CIA students). Another course is scheduled for 10 January 1972, and we have one nominee for our quota of six.

3. The other ISC course, Survey of Intelligence Information Systems, was a success from its first running, 6 - 24 April 1970. CIA had two students (TSD, OSI), and both wrote highly favorable critiques. Since then, three Survey courses have been conducted. CIA sent a total of twelve students to these three runnings. The next Survey course is scheduled for 17 January 1972, and we have three nominees for our quota of six.

4. The Office of Training has handled enrollment details and publicity for ISC, e.g., announcements in Weekly Newsletters to Training Officers, and distribution of ISC's announcements to Training Officers and Information Processing Coordinators. We have, however, been unable to meet our assigned quotas. Improvement in CIA support of the ISC courses is needed. One method might be to assign quotas to the Directorates and responsibility to the Information Processing Coordinators for screening potential nominees to assure that they are directly involved with information handling and/or information science.

5. The ISC is designing a third course, Information Science in Support of Estimates and/or Warning, with the first running scheduled for the fall of 1972. Another ISC course is conducted for reservists, Information Science for Reserve Intelligence Officers. This course has been well received, and CIA has provided guest speakers and

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other training assistance. To date all students have been from Department of Defense elements.

6. I am attaching for your information a copy of the 11 May 1971 Board of Visitors Report to the Defense Intelligence School and call your attention to the marked paragraphs on pages 10 and

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